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— REMARKS —

The drawings were objected to as not showing a first extendable segment. The specification was also objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for "a first extendable segment." The specification has been amended to refer to "the first extendable segment 27" of the preferred embodiment. No new matter has been added with the amendments to the claims and specification.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under section 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,537,125 to Harrell, Jr. et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,168,679 to Featherstone, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,394,162 to Korovesis et al. Even assuming that the combination proposed by the Examiner is proper, each of independent claims 1, 13 and 20 now recites that the winch is connected to both the first and second cables. The winch 46 of Harrell '125 is not connected to both first and second cables.

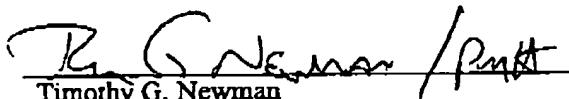
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This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney to discuss any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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